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Mr. Steven White, Chief
Division of Solid & Hazarous
Waste Management
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. White:

361 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43216

American Motors Corporation (AMC) is aware of the interest of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in evaluating the inactive Dura, Tyler, North Cove and Stickney Avenue landfill sites located in Toledo, Ohio. AMC representatives have met on several occasions with your staff and with representatives of the City of Toledo regarding these sites. Jeep Corporation (Jeep) an AMC subsidiary, appears to have had a limited involvement with the North Cove site and currently AMC owns a portion of the property upon which the Stickney Avenue site is located. It is AMC's intent to cooperate fully with Ohio EPA in the review of these two sites.

For a short period in 1970, and possible early 1971, Jeep appears to have been a transporter to and the operator of the North Cove site. Industrial residue from the Jeep North Cove and Stickney Avenue plant locations may have been placed in this landfill. AMC notified U.S. EPA of the existence of this site in 1981 in accordance with provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Although AMC recognizes that its involvement with the North Cove site was very limited and that it is likely that a number of additional parties may have had significant involvement with that site between 1940 and 1970, we believe that it is appropriate that AMC conduct initial evaluations to ascertain if an environmental concern exists. It is our intent to retain a highly qualified environmental consultant to conduct these evaluations. Specific information regarding the scope of the investigations that will be undertaken at the North Cove Site will be provided to you. We look forward to receiving close cooperation from the City and Ohio EPA since both the City and State have a direct interest in this site as property owners.

AMC also submitted a CERCLA notification for the Stickney Avenue landfill site operated by the City of Toledo (City) as a municipal landfill. Although AMC had no knowledge of hazardous wastes being placed in the Stickney Avenue landfill, a notification was made to U.S. EPA inasmuch as part of this site is located on property owned by AMC. AMC became involved in the ownership of this property in 1970, several years after the City terminated operations and "closed" the site. In 1976, the City formally assumed responsibility for correcting environmental concerns at the Stickney Avenue site. This commitment was reaffirmed by the City in a meeting of May 22, 1984 with representatives of the Ohio EPA and AMC.